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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Richard L. Gray

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Examiner: Ephrem Alemu

For: "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR POWERING COLD CATHODE FLUORESCENT LIGHTING"

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P.O. Box 1450  
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Date: July 15, 2004

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
2. **STATUS:** Applicant is a small entity.
3. **EXTENSION OF TERM:** The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
4. **FEE FOR CLAIMS:** The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col.1) Claims Remaining After Amendment	(Col. 2) Highest No. Previously Paid For	(Col. 3) Present Extra	SMALL ENTITY Rate	Addit. Fee
Total:	17 Minus	39	= 0	x \$9 =	\$0
Indep.	5 Minus	6	= 0	x \$43 =	\$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim				+ \$145 =	\$0
				Total Addit. Fee	\$0

**No additional fee for claims is required.**

5. **FEE DEFICIENCY:** If any additional extension and/or fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0574.

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE THIRD OFFICE ACTION

Initial Comments

Claims 1-13, 31, 32, 38, and 39 are pending in the present application. Claims 9-13, 31, 32, 38, and 39 are allowed. Claims 1-8 are rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,923,542 (Sasaki).

No claims are amended in this paper.